

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-31 (canceled).

32. (new) An introduction method, in which a computer connected to various terminals through an information transmitting medium is used to introduce a provider who can provide a service (hereinafter, "service" includes provision of a commodity) conforming with a request of an applicant, comprising:

a provider registration step, for receiving a desired term on a providable service from a terminal of a provider, and for registering said desired term in association with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to as provider information);

a providing state registration step, for obtaining providing state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service, and for registering said providing state information in association with the provider information of said provider;

an applicant registration step, for receiving an application for use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said applicant, and for registering said application in association with information on said applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant information);

a provider specifying step, for selecting desired terms that satisfy at least a part of contents of said application, out of desired terms registered by said provider registration step, and for specifying said provider to be introduced to said applicant,

depending on each priority decided according to matched parts between each of said selected desired terms and the contents of said application,

wherein in said provider specifying step, when there exist a plurality of providers having a highest priority, a provider whose occasions for providing a service, shown by his providing state information, is lowest among said plurality of providers is selected as the provider to be introduced to said applicant.

33. (new) The introduction method according to Claim 32, further comprising:

a history registration step, for registering contents of processing in said provider specifying step.

34. (new) The introduction method according to Claim 32, wherein:

said providing state information is a possessed face value of ticket received from said applicant as value for the service; and

said providing state registration step includes a step of adding a face value of said ticket paid by said applicant to said provider as value of the service provided, to the possessed face value of said ticket possessed by said provider.

35. (new) The introduction method according to Claim 34, wherein:

said providing state registration step includes a step of receiving the face value of said ticket paid by said applicant to said provider as value for the service provided, from the terminal of said applicant.

36. (new) The introduction method according to Claim 34, wherein:
when said applicant is also registered as a provider by said provider
registration step, then, said providing state registration step includes a step of
subtracting the face value of said ticket paid by said applicant from a possessed face
value of said ticket of said provider who is said applicant.

37. (new) The introduction method according to Claim 32, wherein:
said provider belongs to at least one of communities, with each community
being a group of an arbitrary unit;
said provider information includes identification information of the community
to which said provider belongs;
said application for use includes designation of a community; and
in said provider specifying step, said provider to be introduced to said
applicant is selected from providers belonging to the community designated by said
application.

38. (new) The introduction method according to Claim 32, wherein:
at least a part of said provider information or at least a part of applicant
information is closed to public.

39. (new) The introduction method according to Claim 32, wherein:

said desired term includes designation of a providable service, a date (or, a day of the week and a time zone), and a place; and

said application for use includes designation of a service that the applicant wishes to enjoy, a date (or, a day of the week and a time zone), and a place.

40. (new) An introduction system for introducing a provider who can provide a service (hereinafter, "service" includes provision of a commodity) conforming with a request of an applicant, comprising:

a provider registration means, for receiving a desired term on a providable service from a provider's terminal through an information transmitting medium, and for registering said desired term in association with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to as provider information);

a providing state registration means, for obtaining providing state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service, and for registering said providing state information in association with the provider information of said provider;

an applicant registration means, for receiving an application for use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said applicant through an information transmission medium, and for registering said application in association with information on said applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant information); and

a provider specifying means, for selecting desired terms that satisfy at least a part of contents of said application, out of desired terms registered by said provider

registration means, and for specifying said provider to be introduced to said applicant, depending on each priority decided according to matched parts between each of said selected desired terms and the contents of said application,

wherein said provider specifying means selects, when there exist a plurality of providers having a highest priority, a provider whose occasions for providing a service, shown by his providing state information, is lowest among said plurality of providers as the provider to be introduced to said applicant.

41. (new) An introduction system for introducing a provider who can provide a service (hereinafter, "service" includes provision of a commodity) conforming with a request of an applicant, comprising:

a provider registration means, for receiving a desired term on a providable service from a provider's terminal through an information transmitting medium, and for registering said desired term in association with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to as provider information);

a providing state registration means, for obtaining providing state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service, and for registering said providing state information in association with the provider information of said provider;

an applicant registration means, for receiving an application for use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said applicant through an information transmission medium, and for registering said application in

association with information on said applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant information);

a provider specifying means, for selecting desired terms that satisfy at least a part of contents of said application, out of desired terms registered by said provider registration means, and for specifying said provider to be introduced to said applicant, depending on each priority decided according to matched parts between each of said selected desired terms and the contents of said application; and

a history registration means, for registering contents of processing by said provider specifying means,

wherein said provider specifying means selects, when there exist a plurality of providers having a highest priority, a provider whose occasions for providing a service, shown by his providing state information, is lowest among said plurality of providers as the provider to be introduced to said applicant.

42. (new) A program for introducing a provider who can provide a service (hereinafter, "service" includes provision of a commodity) conforming with a request of an applicant, wherein:

said program is read and executed by a computer, to realize:

a provider registration means, for receiving a desired term on a providable service from a provider's terminal through an information transmitting medium, and for registering said desired term in association with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to as provider information);

a providing state registration means, for obtaining providing state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service, and for registering said providing state information in association with the provider information of said provider;

an applicant registration means, for receiving an application for use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said applicant through an information transmission medium, and for registering said application in association with information on said applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant information); and

a provider specifying means, for selecting desired terms that matches with at least a part of contents of said application, out of desired terms registered by said provider registration means, and for specifying said provider to be introduced to said applicant, depending on each priority decided according to matched parts between each of said selected desired terms and the contents of said application, on said computer,

wherein said provider specifying means selects, when there exist a plurality of providers having a highest priority, a provider whose occasions for providing a service, shown by his providing state information, is lowest among said plurality of providers as the provider to be introduced to said applicant.

43. (new) A program for introducing a provider who can provide a service (hereinafter, "service" includes provision of a commodity) conforming with a request of an applicant, wherein:

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said program is read and executed by a computer, to realize:

a provider registration means, for receiving a desired term on a providable service from a provider's terminal through an information transmitting medium, and for registering said desired term in association with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to as provider information);

a providing state registration means, for obtaining providing state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service, and for registering said providing state information in association with the provider information of said provider;

an applicant registration means, for receiving an application for use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said applicant through an information transmission medium, and for registering said application in association with information on said applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant information);

a provider specifying means, for selecting desired terms that matches with at least a part of contents of said application, out of desired terms registered by said provider registration means, and for specifying said provider to be introduced to said applicant, depending on each priority decided according to matched parts between each of said selected desired terms and the contents of said application; and

a history registration means, for registering contents of processing by said provider specifying means,

wherein said provider specifying means selects, when there exist a plurality of providers having a highest priority, a provider whose occasions for providing a

service, shown by his providing state information, is lowest among said plurality of providers as the provider to be introduced to said applicant.